

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A data processing apparatus for providing supplemental broadcast information, comprising:

a CPU;

a storage device operatively connected to said CPU;

an apparatus, adapted for communicating with said CPU, for receiving a request of a user from a caller over a telephone network for supplemental audio information related to a broadcast television program and for relaying the request to said CPU; and

said storage device storing a program, adapted to be executed by said CPU,

for processing the request for supplemental audio information,

for synchronizing the requested supplemental audio information to the broadcast television program such that the requested supplemental audio information does not conflict with an audio component of the broadcast television program when listened to simultaneously, and

for transmitting the requested supplemental audio information simultaneous with the broadcast television program to the user such that the requested supplemental audio information does not conflict with the audio component of the broadcast television program through said apparatus to a speaker of a telephone.

2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the supplemental audio information comprises audio information recorded on a recording medium.

3 - 9 (CANCELLED)

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for providing supplemental information synchronized to a broadcast television program using a CPU, and a storage device operatively connected to the CPU and containing a program adapted to be executed by the CPU for processing a request for supplemental information, and an apparatus adapted for communicating with the CPU, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving a request for supplemental audio information by a user ~~from a caller~~ via the apparatus;

receiving selection information from the caller via the apparatus;

processing the selection information by having the CPU execute the program to determine requested supplemental audio information;

receiving synchronization information;

synchronizing the requested supplemental audio information with an audio component of the broadcast television program using the synchronization information such that the requested supplemental audio information does not conflict with the audio component when listened to simultaneously; and

communicating the requested supplemental audio information to the user simultaneous with the broadcast television program such that the requested supplemental audio information does not conflict with the audio component of the broadcast television program via the apparatus to a speaker of a telephone.

11. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method according to Claim 10, further comprising the step of

updating a database within the storage device indicating that the requested supplemental audio information has been communicated in said communicating step.

12. (ORIGINAL) The method according to Claim 10, further comprising the step of requesting payment for the communicated supplemental information.

13. (CANCELLED)

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer readable medium that stores ~~Computer~~ computer executable process steps for processing requests for supplemental information related to a broadcast television program, the steps comprising:

a step to receive a supplemental audio information request from a user via a ~~telephone~~ network interface;

a step to receive selection information;

a step to process the selection information;

a step to retrieve the requested supplemental audio information;

a step to synchronize the requested supplemental audio information to an audio component of the broadcast television program such that the requested supplemental audio information does not conflict with the audio component when listened to simultaneously; and

a step to output the synchronized requested supplemental audio information simultaneous with the broadcast television program such that the requested supplemental audio information does not conflict with the audio component of the broadcast television program ~~to a speaker of a telephone~~.

15. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer readable medium according to Claim 14, further comprising the step of receiving synchronization information related to the broadcast television program.

16 - 31 (CANCELLED)

32. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of receiving supplemental information related to a broadcast television program including an audio component and a video component, comprising the steps of:

viewing a broadcast television program;

receiving ordering information for supplemental audio information from the broadcast television program;

requesting the supplemental audio information in accordance with the ordering information;

providing selection information;

receiving supplemental audio information according to the selection information during the broadcast television program ~~from a speaker of a telephone,~~

in which the supplemental audio information is synchronized with the broadcast television program such that the supplemental audio information does not conflict with an audio component of the broadcast television program when listened to simultaneously.

33. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method according to Claim 32, wherein the step of receiving ordering information comprises

receiving

program identification information,

a telephone number used for ordering the supplemental audio information, and

synchronization information related to the broadcast television program.

34. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method according to Claim 32, further including the step of

paying for the supplemental audio information.

35. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method according to Claim 34, wherein the step of paying for the supplemental audio information is accomplished by a credit card transaction.

36. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method according to Claim 34, wherein said step of paying for the supplemental audio information is performed through a telephone bill.

37 – 40. (CANCELLED)

41. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus comprising:

a CPU;

a storage device coupled to the CPU;

a receiver for receiving a request for supplemental audio information related to a television program and for relaying the request to the CPU; and

a program, adapted to be executed by the CPU, that is stored on the storage device and that is

for processing the request for supplemental audio information,

for synchronizing the requested supplemental audio information to the television program such that the requested supplemental audio information does not conflict with an audio component of the television program when listened to simultaneously, and

for transmitting the requested supplemental audio information to a user simultaneous with the broadcast television program such that the requested supplemental audio information does not conflict with the audio component of the broadcast television programs~~speaker of a telephone~~.

wherein the supplemental audio information comprises supplemental dialogue for a character within the television program.

42. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus comprising:

a CPU;

a storage device coupled to the CPU;

a receiver for receiving a request for supplemental audio information related to a television program and for relaying the request to the CPU; and

a program, adapted to be executed by the CPU, that is stored on the storage device and that is

for processing the request for supplemental audio information,

for synchronizing the requested supplemental audio information to the television program such that the requested supplemental audio information does not conflict with an audio component of the television program when listened to simultaneously, and

for transmitting the requested supplemental audio information to a user simultaneous with the broadcast television program such that the requested supplemental audio information does not conflict with the audio component of the broadcast television programs~~speaker of a telephone~~.

wherein the supplemental audio information comprises a foreign language version of the television program.

43. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus comprising:

a CPU;

a storage device coupled to the CPU;

a receiver for receiving a request for supplemental audio information related to a television program and for relaying the request to the CPU; and

a program, adapted to be executed by the CPU, that is stored on the storage device and that is

for processing the request for supplemental audio information,

for synchronizing the requested supplemental audio information to the television program such that the requested supplemental audio information does not conflict with an audio component of the television program when listened to simultaneously, and

for transmitting the requested supplemental audio information to a user simultaneous with the broadcast television program such that the requested supplemental audio information does not conflict with the audio component of the broadcast television programs~~speaker of a telephone~~.

wherein the supplemental audio information comprises a descriptive audio version of the television program for the visually impaired.

44. (NEW) The apparatus according to Claim 1, in which the request is received from a caller over a telephone network.

45. (NEW) The apparatus according to Claim 1, in which transmitting the requested supplemental audio information comprises transmitting the requested supplemental audio information through said apparatus to a speaker of a telephone.

46. (NEW) The method according to Claim 10, in which the request is received from a caller via a telephone network.

47. (NEW) The method according to Claim 10, in which communicating comprises transmitting the requested supplemental audio information to a speaker of a telephone.

48. (NEW) The computer readable medium according to Claim 14, in which the synchronized requested supplemental audio information is output to a speaker of a telephone.

49. (NEW) The method according to Claim 32, in which receiving the supplemental audio information according to the selection information during the broadcast television program is from a speaker of a telephone.

50. (NEW) The apparatus according to Claim 41, in which transmitting the requested supplemental audio information is to a speaker of a telephone.
51. (NEW) The apparatus according to Claim 42, in which transmitting the requested supplemental audio information is to a speaker of a telephone.
52. (NEW) The apparatus according to Claim 43, in which transmitting the requested supplemental audio information is to a speaker of a telephone.
53. (NEW) The apparatus according to Claim 1, in which the synchronized requested supplemental audio information is provided during one or more gaps in the audio component of the broadcast television program.
54. (NEW) The method according to Claim 10, in which the synchronized requested supplemental audio information is provided during one or more gaps in the audio component of the broadcast television program.
55. (NEW) The computer readable medium according to Claim 14, in which the synchronized requested supplemental audio information is provided during one or more gaps in the audio component of the broadcast television program.
56. (NEW) The method according to Claim 32, in which the synchronized requested supplemental audio information is received during one or more gaps in the audio component of the broadcast television program.

57. (NEW) The apparatus according to Claim 41, in which the synchronized requested supplemental audio information is provided during one or more gaps in the audio component of the broadcast television program.
58. (NEW) The apparatus according to Claim 42, in which the synchronized requested supplemental audio information is provided during one or more gaps in the audio component of the broadcast television program.
59. (NEW) The apparatus according to Claim 43, in which the synchronized requested supplemental audio information is provided during one or more gaps in the audio component of the broadcast television program.
60. (NEW) The apparatus according to Claim 1, in which the request is received via the Internet.
61. (NEW) The apparatus according to Claim 1, in which transmitting the requested supplemental audio information comprises transmitting the requested supplemental audio information to the user via the Internet.
62. (NEW) The method according to Claim 10, in which the request is received from a caller via the Internet.
63. (NEW) The method according to Claim 10, in which communicating comprises transmitting the requested supplemental audio information to the apparatus via the Internet.

64. (NEW) The computer readable medium according to Claim 14, in which the synchronized requested supplemental audio information is output to the user via the Internet.
65. (NEW) The method according to Claim 32, in which receiving the supplemental audio information according to the selection information during the broadcast television program is via the Internet.
66. (NEW) The apparatus according to Claim 41, in which transmitting the requested supplemental audio information is via the Internet.
67. (NEW) The apparatus according to Claim 42, in which transmitting the requested supplemental audio information is via the Internet.
68. (NEW) The apparatus according to Claim 43, in which transmitting the requested supplemental audio information is via the Internet.